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# PREFACE

It was originally intended when writing this Guide to include in it a set of tables giving the main series in each department and showing against each series the number of volumes and bundles, the items missing and the nature and extent of the critical material available. It was felt that this would greatly enhance the value of the book for scholars at a distance from Madras. Unfortunately, there is a practical difficulty in the way of preparing these tables. A part of the catalogue still remains to be drafted and much of it is still only in manuscript and requires further checking. Therefore, rather than quote figures which may later on be found to be inaccurate, the provision of these tables has been left for a later revision.

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## CHAPTER I.

### INTRODUCTION.

The archives of a Government faithfully mirror its activities; and being memorials of official transactions preserved for official reference under responsible custodians they are distinguished for their prime qualities, impartiality and authenticity. Their value to administrators and historians, therefore, cannot be over-estimated. While on the one hand they furnish proofs of facts in relation to the dealings of the Government with the outside public, facilitate administrative control and fix on Government servants responsibility for their actions, on the other hand, they yield material for the study of administrative principle and practice, of the problems faced in the past, the policy followed and the effects of that policy on the people. It is these records of public administration that the Madras Record Office primarily preserves. Students of history and politics, economics and sociology, each with a special taste for some subject, will find in them a great deal of valuable information which they can hardly find elsewhere.

The attention of the Government of Madras was first directed to their archives in 1837, a year previous to the passing of the Public Record Office Act of 1838[1] * in England. The Government had "frequently had occasion to notice the great inconvenience arising from the immense accumulation of public records in the principal offices of the Presidency" and had met with difficulties "in providing enlarged accommodation for their reception and custody as the masses increase."[2] They therefore, appointed Mr. George Garrow to arrange the records and to make "a selection of such papers as may, without risk of detriment to individual or public interests and without diminishing the stock of valuable historical information which they contain, be destroyed as useless." He examined the Public Consultations volumes from 1677 to 1710 and the connected original bundles, but he does not seem to have recorded the result of his researches.[3] Accordingly in 1858 Mr. W. Huddleston was appointed to continue the work under an arrangement sanctioned by the Court of Directors in 1855. He, however, performed this work for a short time, when he obtained other employment and requested to be relieved of the duty. The Government finally entrusted the work to Mr. Talboys Wheeler in 1860.[4]

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* Foot-notes—Please see Appendix A.

Wheeler examined the records from 1672 to 1854 and embodied the results of his labours in his "Handbook to the Madras Records" printed in 1861. He classified the records under four main divisions; Consultations, Despatches to and from England, Country Correspondence and Sundries. The Consultations divide into 14 different departments, Country Correspondence falls under Public, Military and Political, and the Sundries are volumes confined to the proceedings of a special Committee, consultations of a special subject, or correspondence of a special kind. His book though it describes in some detail the various subjects dealt with under each class of records was primarily aimed at selecting documents which he considered valueless and fit for destruction. Its chief value lies in its reference to special subjects such as Robert Chamber's Embassy to Kandy or the proceedings against Messrs. Buchan and Smith; and it has, in addition, a useful table of chronological annals from 1639 to 1861.

The publication of Wheeler's Hand-book was soon followed by other publications based on records. In 1871–73, Mr. Huddleston published some selections from oldest Madras records from 1670 to 1681. In 1890, the Government accepted Mr. Pringle's offer to continue the selections.[5] Accordingly in 1893, he issued his selections from the Diary and Consultation Book of 1681, followed in 1894 and 1895 by publications in extenso of the Diary and Consultations of 1682–85. The corrected proofs of the Public Consultations volumes for the periods 1686–89 and manuscripts for the period 1690–1700, which he left on his death in 1904, were afterwards issued by Mr. Dodwell.

It was, however, in the present century that a definite programme of research was inaugurated. In 1910, the Government of India decided on the preparation of a hand-book of the Secretariat records[6] and the Madras Government accordingly appointed Mr. H. Dodwell to carry out the investigation and hold charge as Curator. Mr. Dodwell's appointment as the first Curator of the Record Office in 1911[7] may be said to mark the first definite attempt on the part of Government to distinguish the function of research from that of departmental record-keeping. The next significant date is 1929, when the provision of a new block to the Record Office (Block VII) enabled the records of the East India Company's period to be separated from those required for normal departmental issue. 1930 is another important date as being the year in which research students deputed by the Universities first began to attend the office regularly.

Mr. Dodwell's "Report on Madras Records" published in 1916, deals only with the Secretariat records of the Pre-Mutiny period. The first portion of it gives a valuable list of records, showing the number of items under each department of Government from 1670 to 1856. The remainder consists of an introduction and five chapters which include an interesting correlation of the history of the period with the development of the Secretariat and of the system of record-keeping. He had no time to examine the revenue records nor the various foreign series. Moreover since his time, there have been extensive additions to the collection.

The present Guide has its origin in the Government's instructions to Mr. Dodwell in 1910, whose hand-book, as we have seen, takes only a portion of the records.[8] It is written in the hope that it will be of use not only to the historians engaged on research, but to the Government servants who have to minister to them. It presents certain important features which are absent from the previous attempts in the same field. In the first place it is comprehensive and non-detailed, on the assumption that the student requires a complete abstract of the different record series rather than a detailed disquisition on a limited portion of them. On this assumption it passes every part of the collection under scrutiny, but refrains from detailed analysis. Secondly it mentions the increasing body of critical apparatus—press lists, indexes and the like—which stand between the student and the originals and of which he must constantly avail himself. Thirdly, it touches upon the establishment which holds in its custody these valuable archives and indicates the mode of its contact with the outside public.

## CHAPTER II.

### The Madras Record Office.

Records of public administration grow with its increase in extent and activities. In the 17th century, Madras was a small city ruling over a few scattered factories and coast settlements. Towards the middle of the next century, however, the East India Company became involved in inland politics and gradually developed a military power capable of engaging with the French and their Indian allies and sustaining a struggle to the death with the newly arisen Muhammadan Empire of Mysore. As the Company emerged victorious from successive wars, it increased piece by piece the extent of its territory. In 1760, it obtained from the Nawab of the Carnatic a lease for ' the Jagir ' an area which corresponded with the modern district of Chingleput. In 1765, it acquired four of the Northern Sirkars, obtaining the Guntur Sirkar in 1788. In 1781 it secured by treaty an assignment of the revenues of Madura and Tinnevelly. In 1792, Mysore ceded to it parts of Salem, Dindigul and Malabar, and by 1801, the whole of what is now known as the Madras Presidency had come into the hands of the Company. The second half of the 18th century therefore saw an increasing accumulation of Government records. For the fifty years from 1670 to 1720, the total number of Consultations is 51 volumes, while that for the 50 years from 1751 to 1800 is 557 volumes. From 1800 onwards there were no appreciable changes in the area administered, but there were many in the mode of administration. The next twenty years bristle with a series of experiments and changes in administrative policy, when theories of taxation, of judicial administration and of police were being hotly debated. From this time the records swell at a constant progressive rate with the growing necessities of public administration.

This increasing accumulation of records compelled the Government to devise proper measures for their custody and preservation. The earliest repository of the records was the Council room in the Fort House, and the earliest container, the chest. Later a room was allotted for the use of the Secretary, and it is probable that the records were

transferred there. In 1746, the French, when they captured Madras, carried off the records to Pondicherry and the Government did not recover them till 1749. In 1754, the Secretariat was divided into two branches each of which kept its own records.[9] It was not till 1805, that a Record Office came into existence as a separate entity.[10] In that year Lord William Bentinck pooled the work of record keeping for the different departments by separating all but the most recent records and placing them in charge of a special establishment with its own office on the north side of the Fort Square.[11] Muthiah, the principal native servant in the Political and Military Department, was appointed Record-keeper. His duty was confined to the custody of archives in their departmental aspect. In 1823, as the building had become dilapidated the records were moved into rooms on the first floor of the Secretariat. In 1825, they were shifted into the Pillar-godown and in 1888 they were moved into the ground floor of the Secretariat building. The record administration thus continued as a section of the work of the Secretariat in the immediate charge of an officer, sometimes described as Record Keeper, and sometimes as Superintendent of the General Record Department, until the increasing mass of records and a better appreciation of their value as public archives led the Government to erect it into a separate department and to lay the foundation of a department of research. This was done in 1908 by building the present Record Office at Egmore and constituting it as a separate department under the direct control first, of the Public Department till 1917, and later, of the Finance Department.*

This office, at first, consisted of a large clerical block and six other blocks for the housing of records, disposed in pairs, giving on a corridor which ran from the clerical block. The records were distributed between these six blocks according to the subjects with which they dealt. Mr. C. M. Schmidt, Registrar of the Chief Secretariat, held office in 1909–11 as the head of the new institution with the designation "Officer in charge of the Madras Record Office." He was assisted by a Superintendent. This arrangement continued till 1911, when the first whole-time Curator was appointed. Mr. H. Dodwell who held that post till 1922 has since won distinction in the field of historical research. He prepared the Calendars for the Madras records from 1740 to 1744 and for the Despatches from 1744 to 1765, inaugurated the programme of reprinting for publication the Consultations, Despatches and certain other records, and published the general catalogue of records. A succession of officers followed him whose names are given in Appendix B. The Government finally decided to appoint an officer as permanent whole-time Curator and Dr. Baliga assumed that office in 1935.

Soon after the records were arranged in the new building it was found that some of the blocks were cramped for space. The Government therefore in 1929 built a seventh and larger block for the reception of all the records of the Company's period and thus took the first great step towards encouraging research on modern lines. Since the Record Office became a separate department with its own specially designed premises its activities have widely expanded, principally in the direction of

* Since 1st April 1936, the office is under the Department of Education and Public Health.

research, with a consequent increase of staff required to deal with them. The staff now consists of the Curator, the Assistant Curator, Senior Assistant and 26 clerical officers with a subordinate staff of 56 members. Special staffs are appointed for special work—such as the preparation of guide to the Collectorate records—as occasions arise.

With the removal to Egmore, the office acquired a new status, and additional space made possible a new standard of record-keeping. Various measures have since been devised to introduce up-to-date methods of storage; to eliminate, as far as possible, the formation of pockets of heat and damp; to secure free ventilation; to avoid dust, to facilitate cleaning; to prevent the danger of insects, white ants and such other record pest; and to guard against theft and fire. To repair old and damaged volumes and documents a Mending Section has been organized. It was first established in 1920 when a clerk and two menders were appointed. After a training at the Imperial Record Office, they settled down to work at the Madras Record Office to form the nucleus of a mending section which now numbers 24 menders and two binders in the charge of a Referencer. Increasing needs have thus demanded increasing expenditure and the erection of two new departmental blocks, now under consideration, will provide the much needed accommodation for the annual accruals of Government records.

*The Library.*—The Record Office had long possessed a fortuitous collection of books mainly composed of rejections from the Secretariat Library. In 1932–34 they were sorted, arranged and catalogued. It was decided that the general policy of the Library should be to acquire or accept any books or publications which have a bearing on the portion included in the Madras Presidency and on the areas contingent to it, and to concentrate specially on the period subsequent to 1640, the year in which the City of Madras was founded. While containing a fair number of private publications, its valuable sections are undoubtedly those which include the very numerous publications of the Local Government. These books are arranged in sections not by subjects but by the nature of the publications. It is more convenient both for arrangement and reference to group books in such sections as 'Administration Reports,' 'Almanacs,' 'Government Gazettes,' 'Books of Reference' or 'Periodicals' rather than according to the subjects treated of by individual volumes.[12] Within each section the arrangement is alphabetical by subjects. 'General Literature' forms a separate section which includes non-Government publications and those published by Government which are of a popular character. With this section also have been grouped for convenience certain Government publications on technical subjects. Appendix J gives the names of the sections under which the books are classified.

The total number of books now in the Library is about 10,000. The office purchases books which relate to the history of the period with which the records deal, and also subscribes to certain magazines which have a bearing on historical research.

*The Museum.*—The idea of establishing a Museum in the Madras Record Office was originated by Mr. P. Macqueen, I.C.S., who was the

Curator of the office from 1930 to 1935. It was opened on the 25th March 1935 and has now become a distinctive feature of the office. It consists of seven show cases and a revolving stand, the former exhibiting a collection of old seals, charters, treaties, old bindings and original manuscript records, and the latter presenting the views of the building, the different stages of repairs to documents, and some old maps and plans and autographed letters. The volumes exhibited include the original private Diary of Ananda Ranga Pillai, Dubash of M. Dupliex, Abbe Duboi's Hindu Manners and Customs, books showing the various types of Regimental Flags of the Madras Army, the designs of the breast and waist plates worn by Regiments and their Regimental uniform. The pictures of the great Exhibition of 1851, the sketches of the Palni and Shevaroy Mountains, and two registers of the Old College of Fort St. George containing a list of the junior civilians admitted into the College, form part of the collection. Old and modern methods of repairs and filing are likewise exhibited as also a unique collection of autographs of the Governors of Madras from Sir William Langhorn (1672) down to the present Governor. The Museum is thus well worth the visit of those interested in the British period of Indian History.

## CHAPTER III.

### Records.

A study of records involves a study of the systems of record-keeping. Throughout the period of the Company's rule, the mode of record was to copy into leatherbound folio volumes each paper that was to be preserved. "The basis of record-keeping as practised in India in the seventeenth century was the laborious copying into large volumes of every paper that was to be preserved. That system was nominally maintained right down to 1856."[13] The originals of these papers were also kept in bundles, of which we possess a valuable series from 1754. The early Consultations were really Minutes books, but when the activities of the Government developed far beyond the grasp of a mere committee, the method of record keeping underwent no corresponding change; the volume persisted, possessing the sole virtue of ease of custody and check but adding enormously to the difficulty of collating numerous references in a complicated correspondence. When the Madras Consultation books began in 1672, we find them in the charge of a Factor who received a gratuity of ten pounds a year for looking after them. Streynsham Master, Governor between 1678 and 1681, introduced various improvements; he insisted on the preparation of indexes of contents and marginal abstracts.[14] But the quantity of material recorded as yet, did not demand a radical change of system, and until the middle of the eighteenth century the grouping of papers was purely mechanical, letters received being copied into one set of volumes, letters sent into another, and the deliberations of the Council into a third.

By the middle of the eighteenth century, however, the Council had considerably grown in size and the work which it was called upon to do continually grew in amount and complexity. For about thirty years an attempt was therefore made to govern by select committees, which

gave place in 1786 to a smaller council assisted by Boards which managed the various subordinate departments and served as channels of communication for orders of the Government. This increased business was met by the introduction of the 'Sundry Book' which was confined to the proceedings of a particular committee or to a single correspondence of a special bulk or importance. The Sundry book was but a palliative, and soon, more drastic measures became necessary. It was accordingly decided to split up the Consultations of Government into different departments. All Government correspondence was no longer classed under a single head. The Military Series began in 1751, Revenue in 1774, Secret in 1796, Judicial in 1798 and Political in 1800. In fact the process of fission continued steadily till the end of the Company's period.

No great change of method took place in the first half of the nineteenth century. But the inconvenience of collating a long correspondence copied into large volumes in which all papers were arranged chronologically led to the practice of keeping papers out of record till the whole subject was disposed of. The entries in the volume would then stand in continuous series, instead of presenting, side by side, a number of letters which had no successive connexion. We can see here the parent of the modern case file.[15]

The distinguishing characteristic of record-keeping subsequent to 1857, is the substitution of the case file for the folio volume, though the folio volume and paste-in subject file lingered on in the districts till 1882. Each case file as sent to record contains so much of the correspondence as it is desired to retain temporarily or permanently for subsequent official reference. It is arranged in the room by its particular serial number. This series can be obtained in two ways, either by utilizing the number given to the correspondence when it was first initiated, or by giving it, on disposal, a number derived from a new register into which files are entered as soon as they are completed. The former system is called the Tottenham system; and the latter, the disposal number system. The latter system obtains in the Secretariat and the Board of Revenue.

Administrative efficiency has been vastly increased in modern times, not only by the adoption of the case file, but by the introduction of printing and typing both in headquarters and districts. The first has made possible the dissemination of the decisions of Government to the general public and of standing instructions to the Government servants, while the second has increased four-fold the capacity of an office to handle business.

The year 1857 marks a dividing line between the ancient and modern records of the Madras Record Office. The records of the Company's period are regarded primarily as material for research while those of the Crown period form the modern or departmental series which the departments of the Secretariat and the Board of Revenue draw upon in the course of their day to day business. The existing printed catalogue deals with both the ancient and modern records; but it has been found defective in some respects, and the preparation of a printed supplement to it is now in progress.

The mass of records in the Madras Record Office is, of course, in English but the collection includes also series of administrative records in Dutch, Danish, Persian and Mahratti while there are a few documents in French, Portuguese and Tamil.

The total number of original volumes in English of the Company's period, is upwards of 20,000 with a few bundles. They consist of the Despatches to and from England, Consultations and connected records in various departments, including the Consultations of the Chief and Council of two of the Company's settlements outside India, namely, Balambangan, between 1772 and 1775 and Manilha, between 1762 and 1765. The earliest volume of Consultations which we possess in Madras is of the year 1672.* From that date down to 1750, they continue in a single series. Thereafter, they send out new series which contain the records of new departments constituted from time to time, the Military, the Revenue, the Political and so on. We possess the Despatches from 1670, those from the Court of Directors pasted into paste-books, and those to the Court copied into volumes in the usual manner. These, like the Consultations, form a single series to the middle of the eighteenth century. From 1756 however, they also give rise to different series under different departments. Details of these will be found in Appendices C and D.

In 1786, the Board of Revenue, the Board of Trade and the Military and Hospital Boards came into existence, and some time later, the Marine Board. Of these, only the Board of Revenue has survived to the present day. The Record Office preserves the records of the Board of Revenue and the Military Board. The records of the Hospital Board will be found in the 35 volumes of the Surgeon-General's office, though with many gaps, particularly between 1829 and 1846 and between 1847 and 1857. A search has failed to disclose the whereabouts of the records of the Board of Trade and the Marine Board. The table of contents in the printed index gives a compendious list of the Board of Revenue series. Those of the eighteenth century include two series of a period prior to 1786, namely, that of the 'assigned revenue', that is the revenues of the countries of which the Company had obtained a lease from the native rulers, such as Tanjore or parts of the Madura district and that of the 'Jaghir.' Those of the nineteenth century embrace the whole Presidency, including also sea customs.

The district records have been at various times since 1914 transferred to the Madras Record Office. In general, they consist of the Collectorate records of twenty districts and number more than 8,000 volumes. The list of the districts omitting the Nilgiris is given in the table of contents in the 'List of the District Records' in the printed catalogue. The series includes also the factory records of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Fort St. David and Nagore on the East Coast, and of Anjengo and Tellicherry on the west, as well as the proceedings of the Councils which in the eighteenth century ruled at Ganjam, Masulipatam and Cuddalore. The records of the Board and Government give a summary of the conditions in the districts; they exhibit in

* The earliest volume in the office relates to Despatches from England of 1670.

detail the discussions which arose from those conditions and the reasons upon which the final decision was based. But the peculiar merit of the district records is that they give us a mass of detail, otherwise unobtainable, of the day to day working of the administration.

*Foreign and miscellaneous records.*—Appendix I gives a list of the series in languages other than English. Those in Mahratti are settlement records. They were obtained from the Board of Revenue in 1913. Mahratti was, at one time, the official language of certain districts, of which Tanjore is one example. The records of the Board and Government and of the Collectorates, being almost exclusively in English, the vernacular records are confined to the Taluk offices. Most of these for the Company's period have been destroyed or have disintegrated long ago. But a few still remain by virtue of some practical use, or from having been overlooked. It has not, until recently, occurred to any one that these have any historical value as distinct from their being mere accounts or routine correspondence. The Record Office has endeavoured to rescue at least one specimen in each kind on the principle that, even if a set of documents has absolutely no other historical value whatever, it is at least evidence of the physical medium through which correspondence was conducted and the method employed to file it for reference.

*Diary of Ananda Ranga Pillai.*—The Record Office possesses a portion of the Tamil Diary of Ananda Ranga Pillai of Pondicherry, which was translated and edited by order of the Madras Government between 1904–28.[16] It also possesses a part of the Diary which his nephew Tiruvenkada Pillai kept in continuation and which still remains to be translated.

*Persian records.*—The Persian records consists of 455 bundles and 384 volumes. Little is known of their contents, which are yet to be properly catalogued. They appear to be ' Nawab's dufters,'[17] administrative records of the Nawabs of the Carnatic during the eighteenth century and as such of great interest and value. They include correspondence both on internal affairs and with foreign Governments. About a third of the papers contained in these volumes and bundles however have been provisionally listed in English.

*Dutch.*—The Dutch had several settlements along the coast of the Peninsula. These changed hands with the English several times in the alternatives of war and peace. The records of the Dutch Settlements at Tuticorin, Sadras and Pulicat are missing. The Record Office possesses records in Dutch only of Malabar and Cochin to which those from Bombay and Bengal have been recently added. In 1795, Major Petrie advancing against the Dutch town of Cochin fired a shell into the middle of the Government House and the town surrendered. Cochin was not restored later to the Dutch with their other possessions. The Dutch occupied Cochin from 1663 to 1795 and the records number 1,768 volumes and cover the period from 1657 to 1845. Those subsequent to 1795 relate to Dutch residents who remained in the town after its capture by the British. There is much valuable material in the series dealing with the relations of the Dutch with the country powers in Malabar and their correspondence with Batavia and Colombo.

The Collector of Malabar called up the Cochin records from Cochin in 1881 and in 1891 they were transferred to the General Record Department, Fort St. George.[18] In 1931–32 a few Dutch records of Bombay and Bengal were transferred from Bombay and Calcutta to the Madras Record Office.

In 1890, the Government of India at the instance of the Government of Netherlands-India enquired whether any documents belonging to the old factories of the Dutch East India Company could be traced among the records of the districts in which the factories were situated.[19] The result was that the Collectors of Malabar and Chingleput sent a number of Dutch records which had been in their custody.[20] The task of examining them was entrusted to the Rev. A. J. M. Heylingers of the Catholic Mission, Madras, who completed by 1896, the 'Press List' of the Ancient Dutch Records from 1657 to 1825. Between 1908 and 1911, selections from these records were printed at the suggestion and under the supervision of Mr. A. C. Galletti, I.C.S., assisted by the Rev. A. J. VanDer Burg and the Rev. P. Groot.

*Danish records.*—The Danish records number 9 bundles and over 200 volumes. They cover the period from 1777 to 1845 and come from Tranquebar which the British purchased from the Danes in the latter year. They were kept in the Tanjore Collectorate till 1891, when Government called them in to the Madras Record Office.[21] They have been listed by the Rev. K. Heiberg who has also compiled an alphabetical list of marriages from the Church Registers of Zion's Church, Tranquebar, between the years 1767 and 1845. This volume is now in the press. printed

*Genealogical material.*—Apart from much original material which still remains to be worked through, a number of English reprints give us an interesting glimpse into family history. Canon Malden prepared alphabetical lists of burials in St. Mary's Cemetery, Madras, from 1680 to 1746 and from 1749 to 1900. These were issued in four volumes in 1903, 1904 and 1905. Mr. Dodwell in 1916 edited the alphabetical 'List of marriages registered in the Presidency of Fort St. George', covering the period from 1680 to 1800. The book is intended as a companion to Canon Malden's 'List of Burials' but its contents are not confined to the register of St. Mary's. Mr. J. J. Cotton's 'List of inscriptions on Tombs or Monuments in Madras' is a mine of genealogical information. Since the publication of this book in 1905, the late talented author had assiduously collected further material for a new edition and had begun to arrange it at the time of his death. The preparation of the new edition is now in progress. Further aids to genealogical research will be found in the indexes to the volumes of the translation of Ananda Ranga Pillai's Diary and the admirable Index Volume IV to Love's Vestiges of Old Madras'.

# CHAPTER IV.

## Critical Apparatus.

A record office should furnish material in the form of abstracts, press-lists, indexes, guides, calendars, reprints and the like, to facilitate departmental as well as historical research. In Chapter III, we have seen what the Madras Record Office has done in regard to the foreign and miscellaneous series. This Chapter deals with the Critical Apparatus provided for the English series.

The abstract or derived material originates from two separate and distinct operations, the departmental and the research. Those who originate records have also the need to refer to them in the ordinary course of business as distinct from research. This they do by preparing alphabetical indexes or chronological tables of contents which are either included in the volumes themselves or occupy separate volumes. The amount of information offered by such tables or indexes and the aptness of the selections may vary enormously but the principle of arrangement remains constant. To Streynsham Master belongs the credit of initiating this system. He ordered the preparation of 'marginal notes' and 'alphabets' to both the Consultation and Despatches. "But," as Mr. Dodwell remarks, "the indexes of those days were conspicuously bad. 'Charles Ryly' is entered under C and orders on marriage under O! . . . It was not till 1830, that any serious effort was made to render them serviceable. Then the Court directed that indexes to the Records of Government should be compiled on the model of indexes to historical and other works."[22] The old indexes are available. Between 1755 and 1859 it was the custom to prepare 'Abstract' books. These gave a chronological list of papers and under each a column quoting successively the numbers of important paragraphs with a few words against each indicating the nature of the contents. There are 38 of these Abstract books of which one has been printed and the others are in course of publication.

The district records, however, include hardly any indexes prepared in the ordinary course of departmental business. As early as 1906[23] Government ordered the record establishment to prepare indexes to them but it was not till 1930 that they were taken up and subjected to a detailed examination by a special staff and a series of district guides prepared for the period ending 1835, which lay open to the administrative specialist the epic period of experiment between 1800 and 1820. They consist of general introduction, catalogue and catalogue abstract, table of contents for certain portions of the series, a list of reprints and for some districts an index of names. It must be noted that the first volume of this series of guides was designed on a different plan from the remainder. It refers to the Ceded districts—now Bellary, Anantapur, Kurnool and Cuddapah—and takes the form of a subject index with reference to the original documents. The preparation of subject indexes

was found to take too long for the time allotted and was therefore abandoned in the remainder of the series for a system of chronological tabulation.

Reference must now be made to the Press List and Calendar which have had a somewhat chequered career.[24] Four dates are of interest in this connexion, the years 1837, 1838, 1861 and 1887. In the year 1837, the Madras Government, in earnest in their intention to examine the contents of the ancient records, placed Mr. Garrow on special duty. In 1838, William IV established a Public Records Office in England. In 1861, Talboys Wheeler's ' Guide ' appeared, a further, if limited, step in the direction of that research which the Madras Government desired. Finally in 1887 a Committee was appointed to consider how best the ancient records of the India Office could be laid bare for the purpose of research. They decided, on advice from the Public Records Office, on the preparation of a Press List and Calendar and in due course (1890) the Madras Government were called upon to prepare similar apparatus for their own records. Accordingly the work of preparing the Press Lists was begun by Mr. Pringle in 1891 and completed by Mr. C. M. Schmidt in 1910. They cover the whole period of the Government records from 1670 to 1800, including also 603 volumes of Factory records of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Masulipatam, South Arcot and Malabar. They do not include the records of the Board. It so happened that as the instructions which originally reached the Madras Government were in very general terms, the Press Lists were prepared on unique lines. They allot subject titles to all papers from whatever source, arranging them, irrespective of subject in strict chronological order. The titles are not usually confined to the minimum required to identify the original letter, but are usually a brief précis of the subject to which they relate; as a précis they are not above criticism but it must be admitted that in spite of their defects the press lists are a valuable aid to research.

The Calendar was to be a necessary sequel to the Press List covering the same period but in narrative and not tabular form. The Press List was to include each separate paper in the series but the Calendar "should be compiled on the principle of including only papers which contain matter of historical importance giving the more liberal interpretation of that term." This was the pronouncement of the Master of the Rolls. Mr. Dodwell spent about ten years in calendaring the old Madras records during which time he covered 25 years from 1740 to 1765, comprising 75 volumes.

As the contents of the Government volumes up to 1800 have been abstracted in the Press List no indexes have been printed for those volumes. From 1801 to 1856, manuscript indexes exist for the Consultations of all departments. The editing and printing of them was begun in the Secretariat from which the first volume issued in 1893. The Record Office when reconstituted in its present form in 1909 took up the work and is still engaged in it. Appendix E shows under each of the 16 departments the number of annual indexes and Appendix F the number which has so far been printed. The last item of the list refers

to the Petition department, which passed orders but did not hold formal Consultations. The Board of Revenue undertook the preparation and printing of indexes to the whole of their ancient records in 1894 and the work was completed by 1899.

A word may be added as to the indexes subsequent to 1856. From the year 1857 up to date the Government and the Board have compiled current printed indexes of completed correspondence for deposit in record with the files to which they refer. From that year they issued printed tables of contents also. But these were discontinued in 1919–20. The present form of index contains the features of both an index and a table of contents. The main divisions of the subject are arranged alphabetically, but the individual entries under each division are arranged in chronological and not alphabetical order.

*Reprints.*—In order to comply with the requisitions from the India Office and to publish at the same time material which might not become available if the old records get into decay, the Government adopted the system of printing in extenso.[25] Accordingly almost all records up to 1750 have been printed in extenso; and the question of reprinting certain records of a later date is now under consideration. A list of the different series of reprints will be found in Appendix G.

We have a most valuable series of annual printed volumes consisting of the Board's reports from 1786 to 1836 to the Governor in Council which were forwarded to the Court of Directors. They were published by the Board's office between 1871 and 1891. A list of other items reprinted from the Board's records will be found in the catalogue of the office Library under the heading of ' Reprint of District Records.'

The Government were anxious to bring to the light the contents of the district records also. In 1858, they directed that district manuals should be prepared, the historical portion of which would be based largely upon the contents of the district volumes and they called on the Collectors to print extracts from these archives. The District Presses continued till 1917[26] and gradually produced a considerable literature. The Jail Presses then took their place and finally, in the interests of economy, the Government Press in Madras. The Record Office began in 1930 to collect such of these reprints as were known to be in existence and has got together a collection which is as complete as it is now possible to make it. The Guides to the district records give lists of these reprints and indicate the original material on which they were based, as this information is omitted in the reprints. These reprints include the Proceedings of the Committee of Circuit which was the precursor of the Board of Revenue in the Northern Circars and the very valuable Baramahal series (1791–99), which contains the complete history of the earliest attempts at a ryotwari settlement in the Baramahal and Salem districts. Their existence had been completely forgotten when they were discovered by the special staff working under Mr. Doutre in 1894 for the reorganization of the Board's records. The reprints of the early Consultations of the Councils at Masulipatam, Fort St. David and Tellicherry may also be referred to.

*Research.*—The earliest researches into the old records were carried out by Talboys Wheeler, Pringle and Dodwell, Galletti and J. J. Cotton —Government servants—at the instance of Government. It was not till the year 1930, that the Universities began to realize the richness of the historical material within their reach. In that year the first research student attended the office and since that time they have followed one another in a continuous stream. The rules laid down by Government for the production of records for the inspection of the public will be found in Appendix K.

The Madras Record Office issues copies of its publications to the institutions shown in Appendix L.

The Curator is an ex-officio member of the Indian Historical Records Commission and, in his official capacity a member of the British Historical Records Association and the Government fully realize the necessity for keeping in touch with the best work that is being done in Europe and America.

## APPENDIX A.

### Foot-notes.

1. An Act for keeping safely the Public Records (1 and 2 Vict. c. 94).
2. Public Consultations, 1837, Cat. Volume 672, page 5007.
3. Talboys Wheeler's Handbook to the Madras Records, paragraph 6.
4. G.O. No. 768, Public, dated 26th May 1860.
5. G.O. No. 105, Public, dated 13th February 1890.
6. G.O. No. 1134, Public, dated 7th December 1910.
7. G.O. No. 92, Public, dated 25th January 1911.
8. G.O. No. 1134, Public, dated 7th December 1910.
9. Public Sundries, No. 1379.
10. Public Consultations, 6th December 1805.
11. Public Consultations, 6th December 1805.
12. Library List (*See* Appendix J).
13. Report on the Madras Records by H. Dodwell, page viii, paragraph 16.
14. Public Consultations, 31st January 1678.
15. For a detailed account of the development of the method of correspondence during the Company's period a reference may be made to—
    (i) The Introduction and Parts I and II of Talboys Wheeler's Guide;
    (ii) The Introduction and Chapters I and II of Dodwell's report; and
    (iii) Notes 1, 2 and 4 on pages 89 to 95 of the Madras Manual of Administration, Volume I, 1885.
16. G.O. No. 1552/54, Public, dated 25th November 1897.
17. Trichinopoly District Collectorate Records, Volume 3677/71-2.
18. Letter No. 3784 P-Genl., dated 2nd October 1890 in G.O. No. 158, Political, dated 19th March 1891. G.O. No. 547, Political, dated 4th September 1891.
19. Letter No. 1246, dated 26th June 1890 in G.O. No. 395, Political, dated 12th August 1890.
20. G.O. No. 202, Political, dated 17th April 1891.
21. G.O. No. 404, Political, dated 4th July 1891. G.O. No. 459, Political, dated 24th July 1891. G.O. No. 547, Political, dated 4th September 1891.
22. Report on the Madras Records by H. Dodwell, introduction, pages xi and xii, paragraph 24.
23. G.O. No. 337, Public, dated 1st May 1906.
24. G.O. No. 262, Public, dated 4th April 1891.
25. G.O. No. 168, Public, dated 10th March 1909.
26. G.O. No. 911, Revenue, dated 27th March 1917.

# APPENDIX B.

## LIST OF OFFICERS WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF THE MADRAS RECORD OFFICE FROM 1909.

| Serial number and name. | Period. From | Period. To | Designation. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 C. M. Schmidt, Esq. .. | 1909 | 1911 | Officer-in-Charge. | |
| 2 H. H. Dodwell, Esq., M.A., I.E.S. (Full-time officer). | 1911 | 1922 | Curator .. .. | I.E.S. Officer, about 12 years. |
| 3 C. M. Schmidt, Esq., M.B.E. | 1922 | 1923 | Director of Office Systems and Officer-in-Charge, Madras Record Office. | |
| 4 A. R. Cox, Esq., I.C.S. and H. T. Reilly, Esq., I.C.S. | 1923 | 1924 | Collector of Madras to be also Officer-in-Charge, Madras Record Office. | I.C.S. Officer, 2 years. |
| 5 M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao Avargal, C.S.I. | 5–12–24 | 27–4–25 | Do. | 4 months. |
| 6 M.R.Ry. V. Sekhara Menon Avargal, B.A. (Full-time officer). | 28–4–25 | 30–6–26 | Curator. | |
| 7 J. J. Cotton, Esq., M.A., I.C.S. | 1–7–26 | 20-6–27 | Curator, Madras Record Office and Editor of Gazetteers. | I.C.S. Officer, 1 year. |
| 8 M.R.Ry. K. N. Krishnaswami Ayyar Avargal, B.A. | 20–6–27 | 16–12–27 | Temporary charge of the office. | |
| 9 M.R.Ry. A. V. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T. (Full-time officer). | 17–12–27 | 11–4–30 | Curator. | |
| 10 H. A. B. Vernon, Esq., I.C.S. | 9–1–28 | 31-3–28 | Editor of Gazetteers and Special Officer, Madras Record Office. | I.C.S. Officer, 3 months. |
| 11 P. Macqueen, Esq., I.C.S. | 12–4–30 | 6–8–30 | Curator, Madras Record Office. | I.C.S. Officer. |
| 12 M.R.Ry. A. V. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, M.A., L.T. | 7–8–30 | 18–8–30 | Assistant Curator-in-Charge. | |
| 13 G. T. Boag, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S. | 19–8–30 | 5–1–31 | Curator, Madras Record Office. | I.C.S. Officer 5 months. |
| 14 M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib N. Kelu Nair Avargal, B.A. | 6–1–31 | 9–3–31 | Assistant Curator-in-Charge. | |
| 15 P. Macqueen, Esq., I.C.S. | 10–3–31 | 12–4–34 | Curator, Madras Record Office. | I.C.S. Officer. |
| 16 M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib N. Kelu Nair Avargal, B.A. | 13–4–34 | 12–10–34 | Assistant Curator-in-Charge. | |
| 17 P. Macqueen, Esq., I.C.S. | 13–10–34 | 31–3–35 | Curator, Madras Record Office. | I.C.S. Officer. |
| 18 Dr. B. Surendranath Baliga, Ph.D. (Lond.). | 1–4–35 | 21.9.58 | Do. | |

# APPENDIX C.

## List of Consultations and Connected Records.

| Period. (1) | General. (2) | Public. (3) | Secret. (4) | Foreign. (5) | Military. (6) | Revenue. (7) | Judicial. (8) | Political. (9) | Commercial. (10) | Land. (11) | Financial. (12) | Ecclesiastical. (13) | Marine. (14) | Public Works Department. (15) | Financial Railway. (16) | Grand total. (17) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1670–1680 .. .. .. | 4 | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1681–1690 .. .. .. | 12 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1691–1700 .. .. .. | 13 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1701–1710 .. .. .. | 12 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1711–1720 .. .. .. | 10 | 7 | 6 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1721–1730 .. .. .. | 9 | 8 | .. | 7 | 30 | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1731–1740 .. .. .. | 10 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | 9 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1741–1750 .. .. .. | 8 | 14 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1751–1755 .. .. .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1756–1760 .. .. .. | .. | 35 | .. | .. | 31 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1761–1770 .. .. .. | .. | 44 | .. | .. | 65 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1771–1780 .. .. .. | .. | 50 | .. | .. | 54 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1781–1790 .. .. .. | .. | 61 | .. | .. | 123 | 39 | .. | 21 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1791–1800 .. .. .. | .. | 113 | 16 | .. | 216 | 78 | 5 | 63 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1801–1810 .. .. .. | .. | 152 | 59 | .. | 163 | 81 | 65 | 59 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1811–1820 .. .. .. | .. | 109 | 28 | 29 | 320 | 82 | 105 | 112 | 24 | 6 | 17 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1821–1830 .. .. .. | .. | 103 | 15 | 19 | 270 | 89 | 75 | 66 | 28 | 10 | 26 | 13 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1831–1840 .. .. .. | .. | 126 | 49 | 15 | 358 | 137 | 164 | 110 | 11 | 9 | 42 | 25 | 8 | 4 | .. | .. |
| 1841–1850 .. .. .. | .. | 135 | 28 | 8 | 439 | 210 | 161 | 159 | 8 | 10 | 76 | 48 | 49 | 41 | .. | .. |
| 1851–1856 .. .. .. | .. | 142 | .. | 1 | 128 | 111 | 95 | 85 | .. | 9 | 59 | 31 | 34 | 60 | 31 | .. |
| Total .. | 78 | 1,142 | 201 | 84 | 2,197 | 850 | 682 | 676 | 72 | 44 | 220 | 120 | 91 | 105 | 31 | 6,593 |
| Consultation .. .. .. | 78 | 868 | 164 | 61 | 1,848 | 798 | 643 | 613 | 71 | 44 | 220 | 120 | 91 | 80 | 31 | .. |
| Sundries .. .. .. | .. | 145 | 31 | 10 | 127 | 40 | 27 | 18 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | .. | .. |
| Letters from and to Fort St. George. | .. | 105 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Country Correspondence .. | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 52 | .. | .. | 30 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Miscellaneous .. .. .. | .. | 20 | 6 | 13 | 140 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Expedition Consultation .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Total .. | 78 | 1,142 | 201 | 84 | 2,197 | 850 | 682 | 676 | 72 | 44 | 220 | 120 | 91 | 105 | 31 | 6,593 |

# APPENDIX D.

## List of Despatches and Connected Records.

| Period. (1) | General. (2) | Public. (3) | Military. (4) | Revenue. (5) | Commercial. (6) | Secret. (7) | Political. (8) | Land. (9) | Judicial. (10) | Financial. (11) | Foreign. (12) | Ecclesiastical. (13) | Marine. (14) | Military (Marine). (15) | Public Works Department. (16) | Financial Railway. (17) | Grand total. (18) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1670–1680 .. .. .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1681–1690 .. .. .. | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1691–1700 .. .. .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1701–1710 .. .. .. | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1711–1720 .. .. .. | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1721–1730 .. .. .. | 12 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1731–1740 .. .. .. | 17 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1741–1750 .. .. .. | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1751–1755 .. .. .. | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1756–1760 .. .. .. | .. | 6 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1761–1770 .. .. .. | .. | 14 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1771–1780 .. .. .. | .. | 13 | 16 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1781–1790 .. .. .. | .. | 13 | 18 | 3 | 4 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1791–1800 .. .. .. | .. | 13 | 12 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 9 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1801–1810 .. .. .. | .. | 15 | 25 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1811–1820 .. .. .. | .. | 17 | 29 | 8 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1821–1830 .. .. .. | .. | 16 | 29 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1831–1840 .. .. .. | .. | 20 | 27 | 19 | 1 | .. | 5 | .. | 14 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 1841–1850 .. .. .. | .. | 16 | 21 | 22 | .. | 1 | 7 | .. | 17 | 7 | .. | 3 | 3 | 1 | 9 | .. | .. |
| 1851–1856 .. .. .. | .. | 13 | 7 | 11 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 10 | 7 | .. | 3 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 5 | .. |
| Total .. | 79 | 156 | 195 | 78 | 47 | 10 | 39 | 6 | 53 | 28 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 17 | 5 | 742 |

## APPENDIX E.

### Statement of Annual Indexes of the Sixteen Government Departments from 1801 to 1856.

| Department. | Period. | Total number of Indexes. | Number printed. | Balance. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Ecclesiastical .. .. | 1818–1856 | 39 | 17 | 22 | |
| Financial .. .. .. | 1811–1856 | 46 | 17 | 29 | |
| Judicial .. .. .. | 1803–1856 | 54 | 9 | 45 | |
| Marine .. .. .. | 1838–1856 | 19 | 17 | 2 | |
| Military .. .. .. | 1801–1853 | 53 | 3 | 50 | |
| Political .. .. .. | 1801–1856 | 56 | 9 | 47 | |
| Public .. .. .. | 1801–1856 | 56 | 56 | .. | |
| Public Works Department. | 1843–1856 | 14 | 9 | 5 | |
| Revenue .. .. .. | 1801–1856 | 56 | 56 | .. | |
| Commercial .. .. .. | 1815–1845 | 31 | .. | 31 | |
| Secret .. .. .. | 1801–1850 | 50 | .. | 50 | |
| Foreign .. .. .. | 1816–1847 | 32 | 32 | .. | |
| Law .. .. .. .. | 1815–1852 | 38 | .. | 38 | |
| Financial—Railways .. | 1854–1856 | 3 | 3 | .. | |
| Military—Expedition .. | 1824–1826 | 3 | .. | 3 | |
| Petition .. .. .. | 1817–1856 | 40 | .. | 40 | These are indexes of petitions. |
| Total .. | | 590 | 228 | 362 | |

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## APPENDIX F.

### Table showing Abstract of printed indexes.

| | Subject. | Period. | | Number of index volumes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (1) | (2) | | (3) |
| 1 | Proceedings of the Board .. .. .. .. | 1786–1886 | .. | 81 |
| 2 | Do. (Land Revenue) .. .. | 1887–1921 | .. | 42 |
| 3 | Do. (Revenue Settlement) .. | 1887–1921 | .. | 48 |
| 4 | Do. (Land Revenue and Settlement). | 1922–1931 | .. | 10 |
| 5 | Do. (Committee of Assigned Revenue). | 1781–1785 | .. | 1 |
| 6 | Do. (Assumed Revenue) .. | 1790–1794 | .. | 1 |
| 7 | Do. (Assumed Revenue relating to Tanjore country). | 1790–1792 | .. | 1 |
| 8 | Do. (Committee of Assigned Revenue relating to the Company's jaghir). | 1782–1786 | .. | 1 |
| 9 | Do. (relating to conquered countries). | 1790–1792 | .. | 1 |
| 10 | Proceedings of the Commissioner of Northern Circars. | 1849–1856 | .. | 1 |
| 11 | Do. Commissioner of Salt Revenue .. | 1878–1883 | .. | 1 |
| 12 | Do. Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue. | 1884–1887 | .. | 1 |
| 13 | English correspondence of Madras Deputy Collector's office. | 1787–1900 | .. | 7 |

TABLE SHOWING ABSTRACT OF PRINTED INDEXES—*cont.*

| | Subject. | Period. | | Number of index volumes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | (1) | (2) | | (3) |
| 14 | Proceedings of the Special Commission for permanent settlement. | 1802–1803 | .. | 1 |
| 15 | Proceedings of the Board, Land Revenue .. (Court of Wards) .. | 1805–1806<br>1897–1927 | .. | 44 |
| 16 | Do. (Separate Revenue) .. | 1887–1926 | .. | 38 |
| 17 | Do. (Forest Series) .. .. | 1886–1927 | .. | 33 |
| 18 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Development Department). | 1921–1928 | .. | 8 |
| 19 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Finance Department). | 1840–1928 | .. | 68 |
| 20 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Finance—Separate Revenue). | 1916–1923 | .. | 6 |
| 21 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Finance—Central Subjects). | 1924–1925 | .. | 2 |
| 22 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Financial—Railway Department). | 1857–1865 | .. | 9 |
| 23 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Finance—Books Branch). | 1901–1906 | .. | 6 |
| 24 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Ecclesiastical). | 1840–1928 | .. | 69 |
| 25 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Education). | 1861–1928 | .. | 59 |
| 26 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Home—Miscellaneous). | 1916–1921 | .. | 6 |
| 27 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Judicial). | 1848–1928 | .. | 80 |
| 28 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Law—General). | 1921–1928 | .. | 8 |
| 29 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Law—Legislative). | 1863–1928 | .. | 57 |
| 30 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Financial—Local Funds). | 1885–1886 | .. | 2 |
| 31 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Local and Muncipal—Local). | 1887–1920 | .. | 34 |
| 32 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Finance—Municipal). | 1885–1886 | .. | 2 |
| 33 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Local and Municipal—Municipal). | 1887–1920 | .. | 34 |
| 34 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Local Self-Government Department). | 1921–1928 | .. | 8 |
| 35 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Local and Municipal—Medical). | 1916–1920 | .. | 5 |
| 36 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Local Self-Government—Public Health). | 1921–1928 | .. | 8 |
| 37 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Local and Municipal—Plague). | 1898–1920 | .. | 23 |
| 38 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Marine Department). | 1840–1928 | .. | 77 |
| 39 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Military Department). | 1845–1907 | .. | 59 |
| 40 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Pension Department). | 1901–1928 | .. | 28 |

TABLE SHOWING ABSTRACT OF PRINTED INDEXES—*cont.*

| | Subject. | Period. | Number of index volumes. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| 41 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Political Department). | 1848–1928 .. | 84 |
| 42 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Public Department). | 1797–1928 .. | 82 |
| 43 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Public Works—Buildings and Roads). | 1848–1924 .. | 72 |
| 44 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Public Works and Labour). | 1926–1928 .. | 3 |
| 45 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Public Works—Irrigation). | 1877–1925 .. | 49 |
| 46 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Public Works—Railways). | 1866–1924 .. | 59 |
| 47 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Registration). | 1921–1928 .. | 8 |
| 48 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Revenue). | 1801–1928 .. | 122 |
| 49 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Revenue—Special). | 1918–1920 .. | 3 |
| 50 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Revenue—Separate Revenue). | 1915 .. .. | 1 |
| 51 | Proceedings of the Government of Madras (Revenue—Special—War). | 1919–1920 .. | 2 |
| 52 | General Indexes of the Proceedings of the Madras Government. | 1889–1898 .. | 20 |

## APPENDIX G.

### LIST OF PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

### *I. Abstract.*

| Item. | Period. | Number of volumes reprinted. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| 1 PUBLIC— | | | |
| Diary and Consultation .. | 1672–1750 | 78 | These series have been supplemented from the records in the India Office. The printing of volumes after 1750 will be considered after all records up to 1750 are completed. |
| Despatches from England. | 1670–1750 | 54 | |
| Despatches to England .. | 1694–1751 | 18 | |
| Letters from Fort St. George. | 1677–1744 | 26 | |
| Letters to Fort St. George. | 1680–1750 | 31 | |
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| 4 Collectorate records— | | | |
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| 5 Dutch records .. .. | 1716–1758 | 16 | Selected volumes from the series have been printed. |
| 6 Baramahal records .. | 1791–1799 | 13 | These have been completed. |
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| Diary and Consultations. | 12 & 13 | 1687 |
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| Do. | 75 | 1745 |
| Do. | 76 | 1746 |
| Do. | 77 | 1749 |
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| Despatches from England. | 1 | 1670—77 |
| Do. | 2 | 1680—82 |
| Do. | 3 to 7 | 1681—86 |
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| Country Correspondence. | 1 | 1753 |
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| Country Correspondence. | 1 | 1800 |
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| Do. | 5 | 1804 |
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| Do. | I.O.T. | 1724 |
| Do. | I.O.T. | 1725 |
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| Do. | 4 | 1727 |
| Do. | 5 | 1728 |
| Do. | I.O T. | 1729 |
| Do. | I.O.T. | 1730 |
| Do. | I.O.T. | 1731 |
| Do. | I.O.T. | 1732 |
| Do. | 6 | 1733 |
| Do. | 7 | 1734 |
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| Do. | I.O.T. | 1741 |
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| Do. | I.O.T. | 1743 |
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| Tellicherry Consultations. | 1 | 1725 |
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| Letters from Tellicherry. | 1 | 1729–31 |
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| 4 Memoir of Johan Gerrard Van Angelbeck. | 1793 |
| 5 Nawab Hyder Ali Khan. | 1763 |
| 6 List of Dutch Manuscripts &c. by Groot. | .. |
| 7 Memoir of Cornelius Breekpot. | 1769 |
| 8 Diary of expedition against the Zamorin. | 1716–17 |
| 9 Extracts from Inventory and Establishment lists. | 1743, 1760, 1780 |
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| 12 Memoir of Godefridus Weijerman. | 1765 |
| 13 The Dutch in Malabar. | |
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| 15 Accompaniments to letters from Negapatam. | 1748–50<br>1757–58 |
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| NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT— | | |
| Report of a tour in Cuddapah and North Arcot district by Mr. C. Benson. | 4 | 1879 |
| Boundary dispute between the Zamindar of Punganur and the Government villages of Chittoor taluk. | 5 | 1871–1884 |
| Report on the usual line of succession among the Chittoor Poligars. | 6 | 1802 |
| Correspondence relating to the disturbance in the Chittoor Pollams and Ryotwar Settlement. | 7 | 1804–1808 |
| Report of Mr. H. S. Graemes on the Chittoor Pollams .. | 8 | 1818 |
| The Board's proceedings and minutes of consultations of the Government regarding the Chittoor Pollams. | 9 | 1827 |
| Report of the Commission appointed to settle the affairs of the Chittoor Pollams. | 10 | 1804 |
| A translation of the history of the family of Jawadi Venkatpatty Nayar, the Poligar of Congoondy (in manuscript). | 11 | 1797 |
| Hukumnama rules, North Arcot district .. .. .. | 12 | 1881 |
| History of the irrigation sources of Tiruvannamalai taluk. | 13 | 1890 |
| A concise history of the Jaghirs in the Northern division of North Arcot. | 14 | 1822 |
| Register of the Government grants for the lands occupied by the gentlemen in the Northern division of Arcot. | 15 | 1806–1835 |
| Registers for allowances granted in lieu of offices or privileges and pensions resumed in the Northern division of North Arcot for ff. 1223 and 1224. | 16 | 1815 |
| The Commissioner's report on the proposed strength and cost of the Police establishment. | 17 | 1858 |
| The order of the Board appointing Mr. George Stratton as Collector of Poligar Peshcush. | 18 | 1800 |
| Collector's report on the grant of Pulicherla Palayam .. | 19 | 1870–1879 |
| Do. do. | 20 | 1870–1879 |
| Mr. C. R. Ross's report on the final settlement of the Punganur Zamindari. | 21 | 1811 |
| Proposed railway between Madras and Wallajahnagar .. | 22 | 1851 |
| The Board's proceedings on the assessment of the Northern taluks (in manuscript). | 23 | 1830 |
| Papers relating to the reduction of assessment in North Arcot district. | 24 | 1854–1855 |
| Mr. George Stratton's report on the revenue collections in the district. | 25 | 1802 |
| Dasabandanam inams, cultivation hukumnamahs, remission rules, administration of Karvetnagar Estate, Jagirdar of Avalkonda, Chittoor Pollams and others. | 26 | 1818–1826 |
| Jamabandi report for f. 1245; Devasthanams, Tirupathi and other pagodas; employment of pilgrim agents and others. | 27 | 1838 |
| Settlement report for f. 1213 .. .. .. .. .. | 28 | 1804 |
| Mr. J. Goldingham's settlement report on Karvetnagar Zamindari for f. 1251 (in manuscript). | 29 | 1843 |
| Settlement report by Mr. Puckle, First Member of the Board. | 30 | 1881 |
| The Board's proceedings on the introduction of village lease in the Ceded districts. | 31 | 1811 |
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| Mr. George Stratton's report on the Western Pollams .. | 33 | 1801 |
| Do. do. .. | 34 | 1801 |
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| **North Arcot District—*cont.*** | | |
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| List of yeomiahs .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 37 | .. |
| Report on the territorial resources and Military establishments of the Zamindars of Venkatagiri, Kalahasti &c. | 38 | 1802–1804 |
| Report on the commutation of the Military service of the Zamindars of Venkatagiri, Kalahasti &c., and the general state of the district. | 39 | 1802–1812 |
| Papers relating to the treaty with the Nawab of Arcot and the Zamindaris of Venkatagiri, Kalahasti &c., (in print and in manuscript). | 40 | 1802–1879 |
| **South Arcot District—** | | |
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| Report of Mr. John Hodgson, the Commissioner on the restitution of the Dutch settlement. | 42 | 1818 |
| Report on the farm of Fort St. David. .. .. .. | 43 | 1775 |
| Report by Mr. C. A. Barber on the groundnut crops in the South Arcot district. | 44 | 1899 |
| Hukumnamah rules of 1875 and 1826 .. .. .. .. | 45 | .. |
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| Report on the direct and indirect effects of the Godavari and Kistna anicuts in Rajahmundry, Masulipatam, Guntoor &c., and the Coleroon anicuts in Tanjore and South Arcot districts. | 48 | 1852–1858 |
| Press list of ancient records .. .. .. .. .. | 49 | 1800 |
| Papers relating to the revision of land revenue assessment in South Arcot district. | 50 | 1853 |
| Mr. Hyde's report on the introduction of ryotwari settlement in the South Arcot district. | 51 | 1818–1821 |
| Report by Mr. Garrow on the settlement of South Arcot district for f. 1212. | 52 | 1803 |
| Report by Mr. Barber on the sugarcane in the South Arcot district. | 53 | 1899 |
| Papers relating to the survey and settlement of Chidambaram and Mannargudi by Mr. G. Branbury. | 54 | 1858 |
| Report on the survey and settlement for f. 1215 and 1216.. | 55 | 1807–1808 |
| Report on the Tiruvendipuram farm .. .. .. .. | 56 | 1775 |
| **Bellary District—** | | |
| Collector's replies to the question regarding the administration of the Ceded districts. | 57 | 1840 |
| Collector's report on the system of agriculture followed by the ryots in Bellary district. | 58 | 1865 |
| Correspondence regarding the Raja of Anagundy .. .. | 59 | 1806–1844 |
| Collector's report to the Board on the operation of the system of cowle. | 60 | 1842 |
| Collector's report on the economic condition of the district. | 61 | 1885 |
| Col. Munro's report regarding the Poligars in the Ceded districts with a memorandum of Poligars. | 62 | 1801–1802 |
| Collector's report on the public cattle grazing farm .. | 63 | 1852 |
| Papers relating to the grazing farm at Sultanapuram .. | 64 | 1859–1883 |
| Contract with the East India Company for the construction of a railway line into Bellary district. | 65 | 1858 |
| Extracts from Mr. William Thackeray's report on the revenues of the Ceded districts. | 66 | 1814 |
| Statement of yearly revenue for ff. 1210—1247 .. .. | 67 | 1840 |
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| Selections from the old records of the Bellary district .. | 72 | 1800–1807 |
| Selections from the records of the Bellary district—Political, revenue and agricultural matters. | 73 | 1800–1856 |
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| Papers relating to the construction of Sreevaikuntam anicut across the Tambraparni river. | 331 | 1855–1883 |
| Papers regarding the Papanasam reservoir project .. | 332 | 1855–1902 |
| Papers relating to the palmyra plantations, jungle conservancy and the inams. | 333 | 1843–1868 |
| Collection of replies to the question relating to kudimaramat or customary labour. | 334 | 186 |
| Mr. Hodgson's report on the early history and land revenue of Tinnevelly. | 335 | 1807 |
| Collector's report on the Mint Committee's report .. | 336 | 1813 |
| Papers relating to moturpha inams .. .. .. .. | 337 | 1862–1887 |
| Papers relating to poligar war .. .. .. .. | 338 | 1796–1801 |
| Collector's report regarding the Tinnevelly Poligars and sequestered pollams. | 339 | 1799–1800 |
| Papers relating to the formation of Tuticorin, Tinnevelly and Quilon Branch Railways. | 340 | 1867–1878 |
| Collector's report on the ryotwari settlement .. .. | 341 | 1816 |
| Settlement report for f. 1222 .. .. .. .. | 342 | 1813 |
| Do. 1225 .. .. .. .. | 343 | 1816 |
| Settlement report of Mr. S. Lushington .. .. .. | 382 | 1802 |
| Collection of papers relating to revenue settlement by Mr. Puckle. | 344 | 1872–1879 |
| Minute on the proposed settlement of Tinnevelly by Mr. W. Robinson. | 345 | 1869 |
| Collector's report on the triennial lease .. .. .. | 346 | 1809 |
| Yeomiahs payable in Tinnevelly district .. .. .. | 347 | 1855 |

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| Title of work. (1) | Volume number. (2) | Year. (3) |
|---|---|---|
| TRICHINOPOLY DISTRICT— | | |
| Report of a tour in Trichinopoly district on the agriculture of the district. | 348 | 1879 |
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| Hukumnamah rules for the Trichinopoly district .. | 350 | .. |
| Draft rules and directions for the guidance of officers to be employed in adjudication of inams. | 351 | 1859 |
| Records relating to water disputes of the Trichinopoly district, arzis and orders. | 352 | 1831–1837 |
| Jamabandi report for f. 1212 .. .. .. .. | 353 | 1803 |
| Do. 1218 .. .. .. .. | 354 | 1809 |
| Do. 1225 .. .. .. .. | 355 | 1816 |
| Collector's replies to the queries of the Mint Committee. | 356 | 1812 |
| An abstract of old records prior to the year 1900 (Hindustani purwanahs). | 357 | .. |
| Collector's report on the disposed poligars of Udaiyarpalayam, Ariyalur and Turaiyur. | 358 | 1816–1862 |
| Collector's report on the salt pans .. .. .. .. | 359 | 1803 |
| Selections from the records of the Trichinopoly district. | 360 | 1836–1858 |
| Do. | 361 | Do. |
| Collector's report on the early history and realization of jamma and his plan of settlement. | 362 | 1802 |
| Settlement report for f. 1236 .. .. .. .. | 363 | 1827 |
| Do. 1237–1238 .. .. .. | 364 | 1829–1830 |
| Papers relating to the survey and settlement of the Trichinopoly district. | 365 | 1860–1872 |
| List of yeomiahs .. .. .. .. .. .. | 366 | 1855 |
| VIZAGAPATAM DISTRICT— | | |
| Proceedings of the Committee of Circuit in the Vizagapatam and Chicacole districts. | 367 | 1784 |
| Report of the Committee of the Circuit on the Cassimcotah division of the Chicacole Circar | 368 | 1784 |
| Report on the disturbances in Parlakimedi, Vizagapatam and Gumsur in 1832–36, volume II. | 369 | 1836–1837 |
| Statistical memoir of Narasapatam .. .. .. | 370 | 1867 |
| Collector's report on the permanent jama of the first division. | 371 | 1802 |
| Board's instructions to the Collector regarding the permanent settlement with the Zamindars. | 372 | 1799 |
| Correspondence relative to the permanent settlement of the Zamindaris in the late second division. | 373 | 1802–1803 |
| Press List of ancient records in Vizagapatam Collectorate. | 374 | 1791–1799 |
| Press List of ancient records in the Vizagapatam Collectorate (Miscellaneous). | 375 | 1796–1799 |
| Board's remarks on the settlement and charges of Kimedi for fasli 1210. | 376 | 1801 |
| Memorandum of the weights and measures of the district of Vizagapatam. | 377 | 1861 |

# APPENDIX I.

## LIST OF NON-ENGLISH RECORDS.

| Nature of record. | Original records. Number of | | Period covered. | Derived material. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Volumes. | Bundles. | | Press Listed. | Printed Indexes. |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Dutch .. .. | 1,702 | 67 | 1657–1845 | 1,632 | Abstracts of contents for 70 volumes and 67 bundles. |
| Danish .. .. | 219 | 9 | 1777–1845 | .. | Catalogue for 219 volumes and 9 bundles. |
| Persian .. .. | 330 | 365 | 1749–1802 | .. | Abstracts of contents for 126 volumes and 13 bundles. |
| French .. .. | 8 | .. | 1750–1760 | .. | Catalogue for 8 volumes. |
| Portuguese .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | Catalogue for 4 volumes. |
| Mahratti .. .. | 268 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Total .. | 2,531 | 441 | | 1,632 | Abstracts of contents for 427 volumes and 89 bundles. |

## APPENDIX J.

### SECTIONS UNDER WHICH THE LIBRARY BOOKS ARE CLASSIFIED.

| Serial number. | Name of section. | Section letter. |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) |
| 1 | Acts, Regulations and Manuals .. .. .. .. | ARM |
| 2 | Administration Reports, Special Reports and other Government Publications—<br>(a) Periodical Reports.<br>(b) Other Reports.<br>(c) Reprints of Ancient Records.<br>(d) Reprints of District Records. | ASO |
| 3 | Almanacs and Directories .. .. .. .. | AD |
| 4 | Army and Civil Lists .. .. .. .. .. | AC |
| 5 | Census .. .. .. .. .. .. | C |
| 6 | Dictionaries .. .. .. .. .. .. | D |
| 7 | Foreign Books .. .. .. .. .. | F |
| 8 | Government Gazette .. .. .. .. .. | GG |
| 9 | Art, Industry, History and Biography .. .. .. | AHB |
| 10 | Catalogues and Indexes .. .. .. .. | CI |
| 11 | Manuals and Gazetteers .. .. .. .. | MG |
| 12 | Periodicals .. .. .. .. .. .. | P |
| 13 | Press Lists and Calendars .. .. .. .. | PLC |

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## APPENDIX K.

### RULES REGULATING THE ACCESS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE RECORDS IN THE MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

(G.O. No. 58, Finance, dated 5th February 1932.)

1. The Madras Record Office is open daily except on Sundays and other holidays, a list of which shall be put up in the visitors' room.

2. The hours of admission shall be from 11 a.m. to 4-30 p.m.

3. Persons wishing to examine the records should apply in writing to the Curator, Madras Record office, stating their office, profession, titles or other qualifications and the object with which they wish to examine them.

4. All applications should be disposed of by the Curator in accordance with the rules drawn up from time to time by the departments to which the records belong. In the case of records belonging to the Revenue and Irrigation departments after 1800 and other departments after 1856 the Curator should refer to Government.

5. Government reserve to themselves the right to refuse or to modify any application, as they consider necessary.

6. Permission to inspect the records shall remain valid only for two months from the date on which it is granted. If the permission is not availed of or if the inspection of records is not completed within this period, a further application shall be necessary for permission to inspect or continue to inspect the records as the case may be. All applications made under this rule shall be disposed of by the Curator, Madras Record Office, unless he thinks it necessary to refer any particular case to Government.

7. Inspection is allowed only in the Madras Record Office itself, and in the presence of a member of the supervisory staff. In any particular case the Curator may impose such further conditions as he deems necessary to ensure the preservation and proper treatment of records.

8. Copies or extracts from the records shall not be taken out of the office building nor shall any use be made of the information gained from the records without the permission of the Curator, who may, if necessary, refer the matter to Government.

8-A. All copies, extracts and notes must be made in a legible manner for the Curator's inspection. Where they are not legible, the Curator may get them typed at the cost of the person concerned. (G.O. No. 297, Finance, dated **2nd May 1935.)**

9. Persons not wishing or being unable themselves to examine the records should apply to the Curator, who will, if possible, arrange for the search to be undertaken, at the cost of the applicant, either by the assistants of the Madras Record Office, or by some other reliable person.

10. Typed copies of documents may be obtained from the Record Office with the sanction of the Curator on payment at the rate of 3 annas for every 175 words.

11. A separate slip shall be clearly written and signed by every person for each paper or volume he requires before any record can be produced. The slip is returned to him when he again hands over the records.

12. No person may have more than five single documents or two volumes out at a time. Documents in a fragile condition shall be handed over singly or subject to such conditions as the Curator may deem necessary for their safety.

13. Big folio volumes are to be placed on book rests and handled as little as possible.

14. No person may lean on any of the documents or put one on top of another or place upon them the paper on which he is writing.

15. No sort of mark with pen, pencil or otherwise, may be made on any record.

16. With a view to prevent ink being spilt on records the use of an inkstand shall not be allowed. If the volumes or documents can be placed on book-rests a fountain pen may be used for the purpose of taking notes or extracts; in all other cases notes or extracts shall be taken in pencil.

17. Tracings of signatures and drawings may be made only with the permission of the Curator and subject to such conditions as he may impose. Permission shall not be given if it appears to the Curator that the process of tracing is likely to damage the document.

18. Any person who uses the records for purposes of historical research and publishes works based on those records is required to deposit one copy of his work as soon as published, in the Madras Record Office.

19. No person may chew pan or other like substance while working in the Record Office, nor may he place any articles of food on tables meant to be used for keeping the records, documents or other papers.

20. Smoking is strictly prohibited in the record rooms.

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## APPENDIX L.

### I. Distribution List of the Records of Fort St. George.

| Serial number. | Name of office. | Number of copies. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| | *India and Burma.* | | |
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| 2 | Do. 'The Hindu' | 1 | |
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| 10 | Madras Literary Society | 1 | |
| 11 | Board of Revenue, Madras | 2 | |
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| 13 | Madras Record Office | 10 | |
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| 16 | Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore .. .. | 1 | |
| 17 | Imperial Library, Calcutta .. .. .. .. | 1 | |
| 18 | Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta .. .. .. | 1 | |
| 19 | Bengal Record Office, Calcutta .. .. .. | 1 | |
| 20 | Keeper of the Records of the Government of India, 3, Government Place, West, Calcutta. | 1 | |
| 21 | Asiatic Society, Bombay .. .. .. .. | 1 | |
| 22 | Bombay Record Office .. .. .. .. .. | 1 | |
| 23 | Keeper of the Records, Government of the Punjab .. | 1 | |
| 24 | Deputy Secretary to the Lucknow Secretariat, Government of the United Provinces General Administration Department, Civil Secretariat, Lucknow. | 1<br>1 | |
| 25 | Government of Behar and Orissa, Finance Department, Patna. | 1 | |
| 26 | Government of Assam, Finance Department, Shillong. | 1 | |
| 27 | Government of Burma, Education Department, Rangoon. | 1 | |
| 28 | Secretary, Andhra Historical Research Society, Rajahmundry. | 1 | |
| | *Great Britain and Ireland.* | | |
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| 45 | University Library, Berlin .. .. .. .. | 1 | |
| | *Austria.* | | |
| 46 | Imperial Academy of Science, Vienna .. .. | 1 | |
| | *Switzerland.* | | |
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## APPENDIX M.

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1672 The oldest volume of Consultations.

1678 Streynsham Master becomes Governor and improves the system of correspondence.

1746 The French capture Madras and carry off the records to Pondicherry.

1749 The records are recovered from the French.

1754 Earliest bundles of duplicates of Consultations and Despatches.

1786 The Board of Revenue, the Board of Trade, the Military Board and the Hospital Board established.

1805 The Record Office established as a branch of the Secretariat.

1837 Mr. George Garrow appointed to arrange and eliminate the useless part of the records.

1838 Public Record Office Act. (1 and 2 Vict. c. 94.)

1856 Printing of records introduced.

1857 Last year of the ancient record series.

1858 System of case files and of printed orders introduced.

1858 Mr. Huddleston deputed to finish the arrangement and elimination of the useless records.

1861 Talboys Wheeler's handbook printed.

1877 Public Record Office Act, 1838, amended. (40 and 41 Vict. c. 55.)

1891 Press Lists begun.

1898 Public Record Office Act, 1877, amended (61 and 62 Vict. c. 12).

1908 Record Office moved from Fort St. George, to the present building in Egmore.

1909 Mr. C. M. Schmidt appointed Officer-in-Charge of the Madras Record Office.

1910 Government of India decide the preparation of a handbook to the records.

1911 Mr. Dodwell appointed as first Curator.

1916 Mr. Dodwell's report on the Madras Records printed.

1919 Indian Historical Records Commission first met.

1921 Mending department started.

1929 Block VII opened for ancient records.

1930 Research students begin to attend the Record Office.

1931 Fire drill instituted.

1934 Library Catalogue compiled.

1935 Museum opened.

1935 Dr. Baliga takes charge as permanent Curator.

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